

THE CRONIN MURDER

Chicago's Police Actively Following All Likely Clues.

Sullivan, the Ice Dealer, Subjected to a Questioning To-Day.

The Queer Stories and Statements of the Horse Thief, Woodruff.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Considerable excitement was caused this morning when Capt. Villers, of the Lakeview police force, and Lieut. Schuetter, of the East Chicago avenue station, marched into the former's private office with P. O. Sullivan, the Lakeview ice man, between them.

It was rumored that an important arrest in the Cronin murder case had been made. Sullivan is the ice dealer who is said to have made a contract with Dr. Cronin shortly before the latter's disappearance to look after any of his men who might be injured for the consideration of \$50 a year.

It has been the theory of some that Sullivan might have mentioned to his employees the fact of having made this contract, and that one of them was concerned in the disappearance of Dr. Cronin on the night of May 4.

Sullivan, however, succeeded in squaring himself with the police and said that none of his men knew anything of the contract or could have been guilty. He was then allowed to go.

Woodruff, the man who claims to have hauled to Lakeview the bloody trunk found in the suburb, still wears the same air of mystery he assumed shortly after his arrest.

Last night he claimed that he, if given his liberty, could clear up the mystery of Dr. Cronin's murder.

To-day he was not so confident. He said to a reporter for THE EVENING WORLD:

"I think I can do some good work on this case, if the police will only let me out of here. If they will let me go alone with a good detective I believe I can turn up something important in forty-eight hours."

The police were at first inclined to believe that Woodruff was a crank and a fool, but they now begin to attach importance to what he says.

Woodruff, when first arrested, said that the man he saw on the fatal night and whom he called Dr. Cronin was a goatee.

This the doctor laughed at, but on the discovery of the body it was proved that Woodruff was right.

There was a small goatee on the dead man's chin, which had probably escaped the attention of the doctor's friends, having been grown in two or three days.

The conclusion is drawn that if Woodruff had not seen Dr. Cronin before the night of his disappearance, he must have had a careful look at him that night, and since the appearance of a dead person is apt to impress one most vividly, it is probable that Woodruff had a good view of the doctor's corpse.

The sewer catch-basin in which the doctor's body was discovered is on the Evanston road, at the corner of Fifty-ninth street, a mile from the spot where the mysterious trunk and its bloody contents were found shortly after Cronin's disappearance.

About the body were bits of cotton which corresponded in quality to that found in the trunk, and this is regarded as evidence that it was the doctor's remains which were taken out of the city in that receptacle.

It is not thought that the murdered man was thrown at once into the sewer, though how any further operations could have been carried on without detection after the trunk affair is another mystery.

The catch-basin held the body in two blocks from the point where the general searching of basins, under direction of the Lakeview authorities, was ended.

So positive have been the several identifications of the body found that no doubt of its being Dr. Cronin's can be entertained.

Equally positive are the evidences upon the wounded head that the doctor was foully dealt with.

The fact that the Catholic church, called the Agnus Dei, which the doctor always worshipped from his neck, was left untouched by the murderers is regarded as a significant point.

Now that the body is found and so much of the mystery surrounding Cronin's disappearance is settled, theorists are at work harder than ever in attempting to solve the case.

The belief that the crime was the outcome of a conspiracy is general. Whether the conspiracy was that of individuals or of organizations is a question upon which theorists differ.

Certainly, however, there must have been numbers engaged in the scheme, and it must have been carefully planned.

There are many new converts to-day to the idea broached at the time of the reported presence of Dr. Cronin in Toronto, and of the publication of alleged interviews with him there, before the reports were gotten up as side issues to distract attention from what might transpire here, and to assist in the division of theories and the confusion of clues.

TWO CHIEFS OF POLICE IN JERSEY.

Chief Nathan Is Sworn In and Chief Murphy Is Suspended.

The clock in the City Clerk's office in Jersey City pointed at 9.30 this morning when Michael Nathan appeared and asked to be sworn in as Chief of Police.

The City Clerk administered the oath and Nathan went to the building occupied by the Board of Public Works and established an office there.

The old Police Board suspended Chief Murphy last night for impropriety and elected Nathan.

The new Police Board last night made several propositions in the hope of securing the resignation of Chief Murphy.

The old Board will command Chief Murphy to appear before it next Monday to answer the charges against him.

Chief Murphy will pay no attention to the old Board, but will continue to be Chief of Police under the new Board.

Chief Nathan was reading THE WORLD when a reporter called on him at his new office.

"I have issued no order yet," said he, "and have laid out no programme, but will act deliberately and calmly. In fact, I shall probably do little until there is a decision by the court."

Mr. Nathan was Chief of Police of Jersey City from 1877 to 1889, when he was removed and Chief Murphy elected. He has also held the office of Water Commissioner in Jersey City and in Bergen before he came to Jersey.

President Davis, of the old Board, said this morning that at the meeting Monday a clerk will be appointed.

NEWSPAPER CENSUS

Canvass of Readers on the Four Elevated Railroads.

More "Evening Worlds" than "Suns," "News," "Telegrams" and "Commercial Advertiser" Combined.

A Phenomenal Showing of Facts Touching the Circulation of Evening Papers.

CENSUS OF THE "L" ROADS.

Figures of newspaper readers on twenty trains on Second, Third, Sixth and Ninth Avenue Elevated roads:

THE EVENING WORLD	938
Evening Sun	361
Daily News	257
Mail and Express	262
Telegram	177
Evening Post	137
Commercial Advertiser	85
Total	2,217

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KEPT FROM HER DYING BOY.

A BROKER'S WIFE WANTS HER SON FROM THE JUVENILE ASYLUM.

The Lad in the Last Stages of Consumption—His Parents Separated and He Was Put in the Asylum by His Father—The Asylum Trustees Ask the Court to Order the Lad Given Up.

John Wellenkamp, a lad fourteen years old, lies in the last stages of consumption at the New York Juvenile Asylum, though his father and mother are both living, and both in comfortable circumstances.

His mother is yearning to be by his side, but the law puts a barrier between her and her boy.

Johnnie was placed in the institution in 1885 by his father, Edward Albert Wellenkamp, an exchange broker, because the parents could not manage him.

In May, 1886, there was a fire in the flat house 228 West One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth street, where the Wellenkamps lived. The family became separated in the excitement and the mother and two children were badly burned. When they had recovered at a hospital Mrs. Wellenkamp declared that she would no longer live with her husband. She asserted that he was intoxicated and was to blame for the fire, and that she had endured his bad habits and ugly temper as long as she could.

Wellenkamp instituted proceedings and obtained the custody of the children, Referee Samuel A. Blatchford saying in his report that the wife had not sustained her burden of proof, and "with his quick temper and his proud, violent disposition and lack of affection for her husband, in many of their family quarrels, neither has been blameless." The custody of the children was given to the father.

Mrs. Wellenkamp was Louise Herter, daughter of Mrs. W. S. Herter and sister of Lawyer F. J. Herter, and the referee described her as a woman of high social position and of the mother and brother in her domestic affairs. She was sixteen years younger than her husband.

Observation showed that these forty-five readers included men doing business in the stores and offices downtown and a few working men and women who lived in the upper portion of the city. The reporter left the train at Fourteenth street to make a fresh start on another uptown run.

The reporter was told by the man at the ticket box that the fast express train which left Fourteenth street at 4.38 would come along in a moment and that the passengers being men well-to-do who lived in the suburbs or in the upper portion of the city, he would probably find that the Mail and Express was read by more of them than any of the other evening newspapers. Conductor Gurner had the train in charge.

The reporter boarded the flyer which stops only at Fourteenth street, and found that twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street after leaving Fourteenth, and counted 95 passengers reading afternoon papers as follows, 161 persons in all being on board.

THE EVENING WORLD, 30; Evening Sun, 10; Evening Telegram, 5; Evening Post, 3; Mail and Express, 35; Daily News, 7; Graphic, 2; Commercial Advertiser, 1.

Leaving Cal. Hall's fast flyer at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street the reporter took a down train to South Ferry, where he had a Conductor Elmer's train, which left at 5.56 with a good complement of passengers, but he did not begin the count until after Rector street was reached. Then the train was crowded with 306 persons, including the reporter, following is a list of the large majority were mechanics, artisans and clerks. The number of readers was eighty-one, divided in their preferences as follows:

THE EVENING WORLD, 37; Evening Sun, 16; Evening Telegram, 10; Evening Post, 10; Mail and Express, 35; Daily News, 7; Graphic, 2; Commercial Advertiser, 1.

At Fourteenth street the reporter boarded the train following is a list of the passengers aboard, of whom 46 were reading evening newspapers.

A count showed that the readers gave their preferences as follows:

THE EVENING WORLD, 22; Evening Sun, 12; Evening Telegram, 3; Evening Post, 3; Mail and Express, 3; Daily News, 7; Graphic, 2; Commercial Advertiser, 1.

The fifth train boarded by the reporter was in charge of Conductor Reilly, and left South Ferry at 6.44. There were 205 passengers aboard, of whom 161 were reading evening newspapers. They comprised persons of nearly all the walks in life. Their preferences for evening newspapers were as follows:

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